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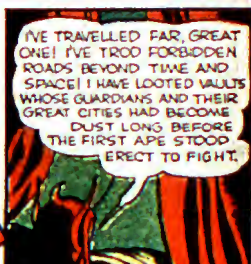
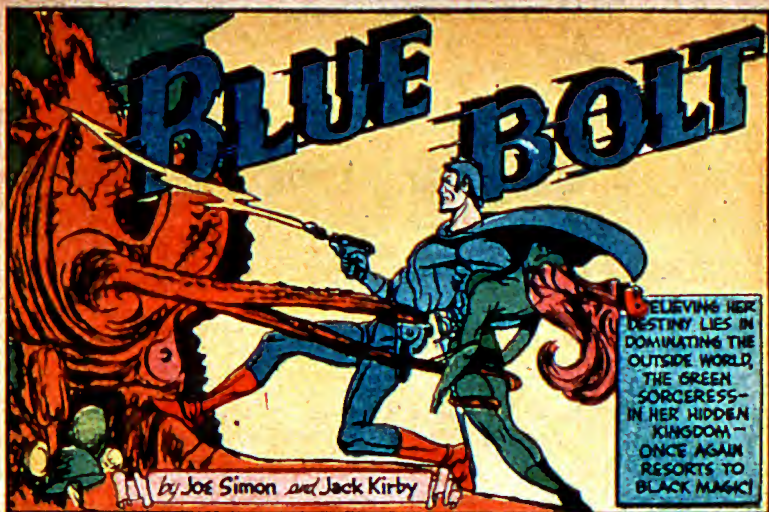
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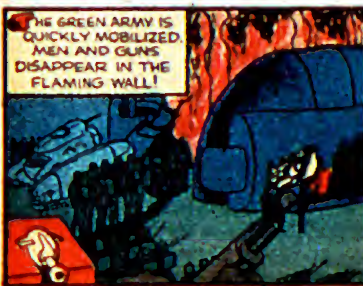
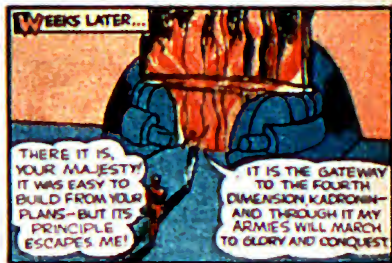
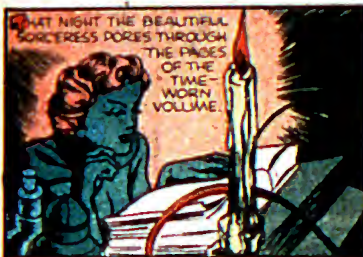
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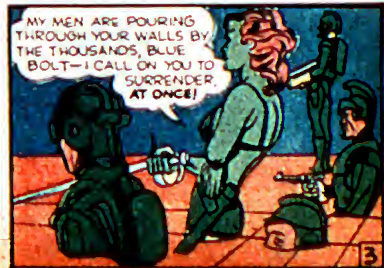
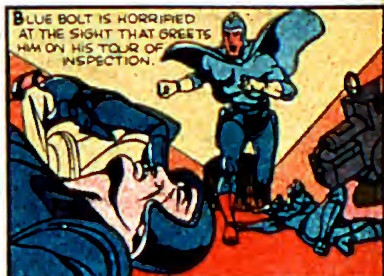
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ONE STARTLED GLIMPSE
IN HIS TELEVISOR
AWAKENS BERTOFF
TO THIS NEW
DANGER!



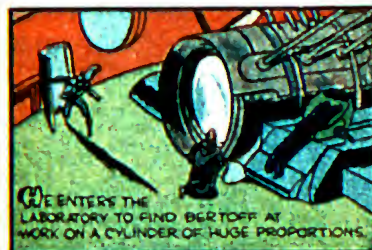
MEANWHILE,
BLUE BOLT, ALONE,
REPULSES WAVE
UPON WAVE OF
ATTACKING GREEN
INFANTRY—



BERTOFF'S ARTILLERY SWINGS
INTO ACTION— AND POWERFUL
BEAMS BLAST THE GREEN TROOPS.



THE BLUE BOLT
STRUGGLES FREE IN
THE CONFUSION
AND STREAKS
FOR THE
LABORATORIES!



WE ENTER THE
LABORATORY TO FIND BERTOFF AT
WORK ON A CYLINDER OF HUGE PROPORTIONS.

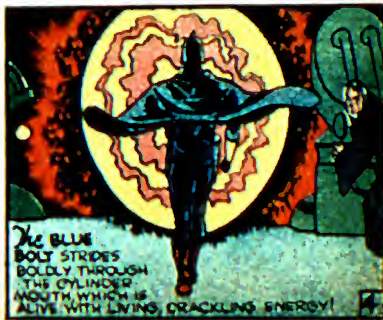


THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE, SON!
WE'RE FACING AN ENEMY FROM
A DIFFERENT DIMENSION AND
WE'RE HELPLESS
UNLESS—

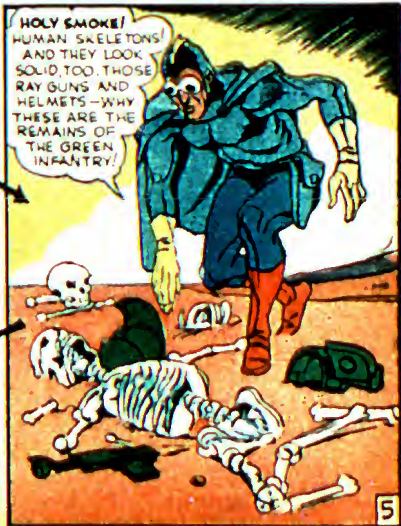
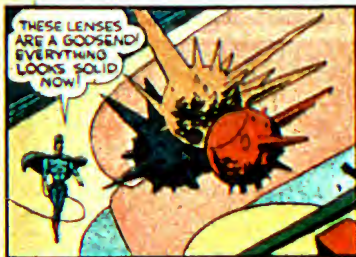


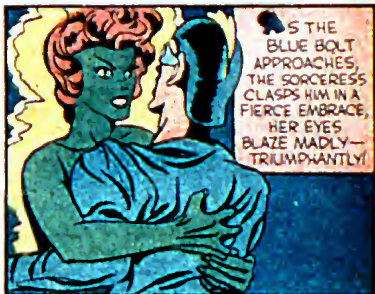
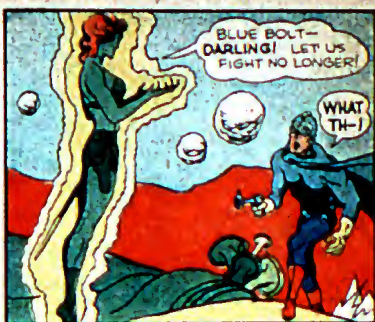
—UNLESS WE FIGHT THEM IN
THEIR OWN PLANE—THAT'S
YOUR JOB, BLUE BOLT!
I'M SENDING YOU INTO
THE FOURTH
DIMENSION
TO HOLD
THEM OFF
UNTIL YOUR
MEN FOLLOW!

YES,
SIR!

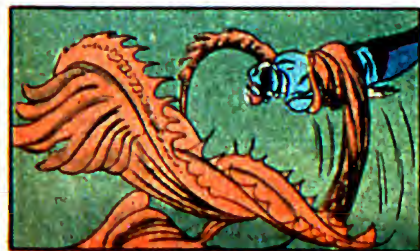


THE BLUE
BOLT STRIDES
BOLDLY THROUGH
THE CYLINDER
MOUTH WHICH IS
ALIVE WITH LIVING, CRACKLING ENERGY!

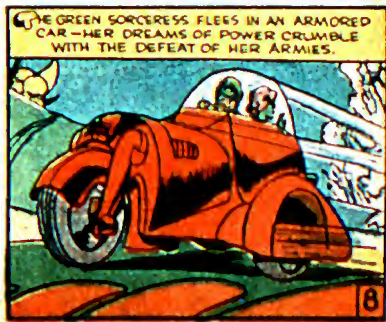
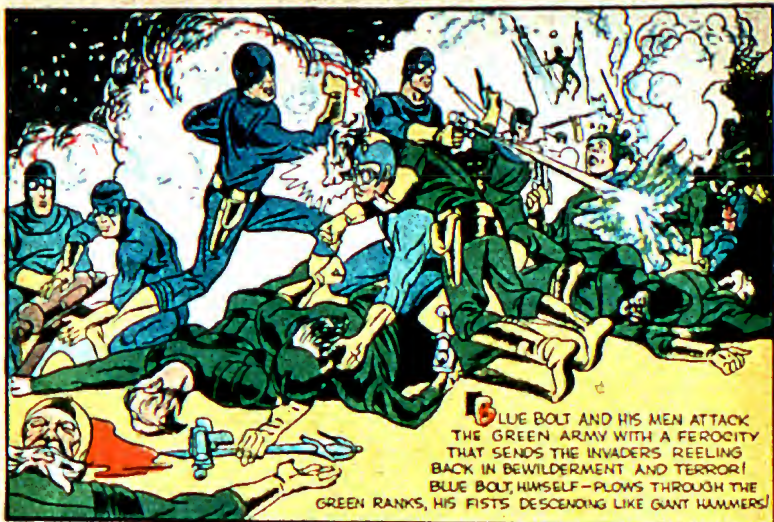




SUDDENLY THERE IS A BLINDING FLASH—THE GREEN SORCERESS VANISHES—AND IN HER PLACE IS THE REVOLTING SHAPE OF THE DREADED "DREAM PLANT," DENIZEN OF THIS NIGHTMARE WORLD WHICH TRAPS ITS PREY BY CONJURING UP VISIONS NEAREST TO ITS VICTIM'S THOUGHTS, AND LURING THEM TO ITS CRUSHING TENTACLES!









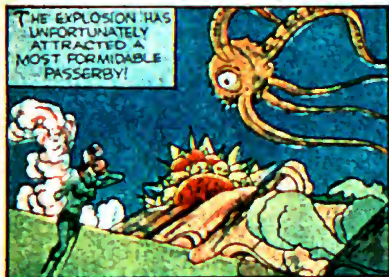
SUDDENLY THE LITTLE CAR
IS FLUNG VIOLENTLY INTO
THE AIR UNDER THE IMPACT
OF A TERRIFIC BLAST!



A ROAD MINE, LAID BY HER OWN
RETREATING FORCES TO DELAY
PURSUIT, BRINGS DISASTER TO
THE GREEN SORCERESS' FLIGHT!



CAPTAIN
ZARNO!
CAPTAIN
ZARNO!
OH-H-H-
HE'S DEAD!



THE EXPLOSION HAS
UNFORTUNATELY
ATTRACTED A
MOST FORMIDABLE
PASSERBY!



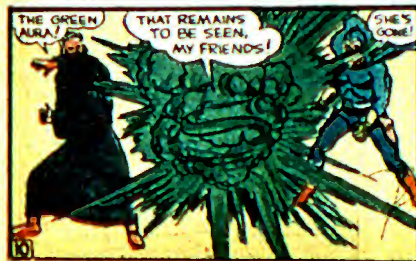
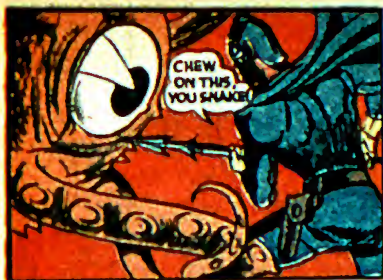
HELP!



THERE'S THE VOICE OF
THE SORCERESS
AGAIN! LEND ME YOUR
LANCE, JARED—I'M
GOING TO SPEAR
ME A DREAM PLANT!

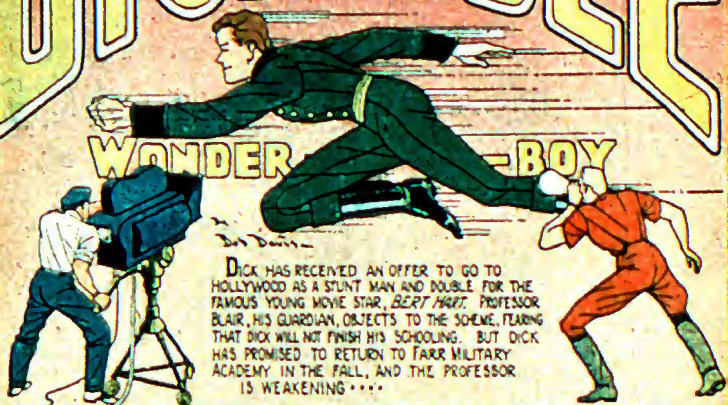


LOOK OUT,
NIGHTMARE!
HERE I
COME!



DICK COLE

WONDER-BOY



DICK HAS RECEIVED AN OFFER TO GO TO HOLLYWOOD AS A STUNT MAN AND DOUBLE FOR THE FAMOUS YOUNG MOVIE STAR, BERT HART. PROFESSOR BLAIR, HIS GUARDIAN, OBJECTS TO THE SCHEME, FEARING THAT DICK WILL NOT FINISH HIS SCHOOLING. BUT DICK HAS PROMISED TO RETURN TO FARR MILITARY ACADEMY IN THE FALL, AND THE PROFESSOR IS WEAKENING....

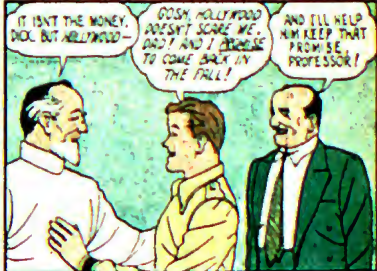
IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE FOR THE BOY, SUE. BETTY LEE AND BERT HART, OUR STAR TEAM, ARE YOUNGSTERS, TOO.

AND GEE, DAD, WITH ALL THAT MONEY—THREE HUNDRED A WEEK—I CAN PRETTY REPAY YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR ME! AND HONESTLY, I'LL GO BACK TO FARR!

IT ISN'T THE MONEY, DICK, BUT HOLLYWOOD—

GOSH, HOLLYWOOD DOESN'T SCARE ME. DAD! AND I OBEY TO COME BACK IN THE FALL!

AND I'LL HELP HIM KEEP THAT PROMISE, PROFESSOR!



WELL—ALL RIGHT, I AGREE!

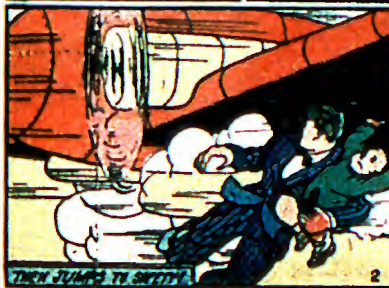
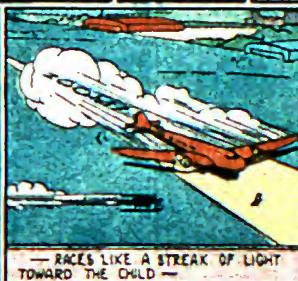
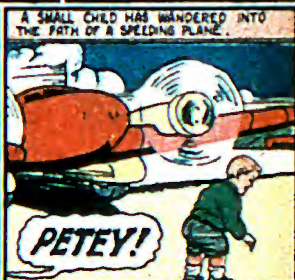
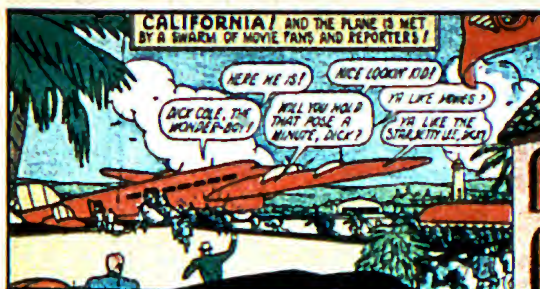
FINE, SON! I'LL HAVE YOUR ALLEGIANCE, MR. COLE!

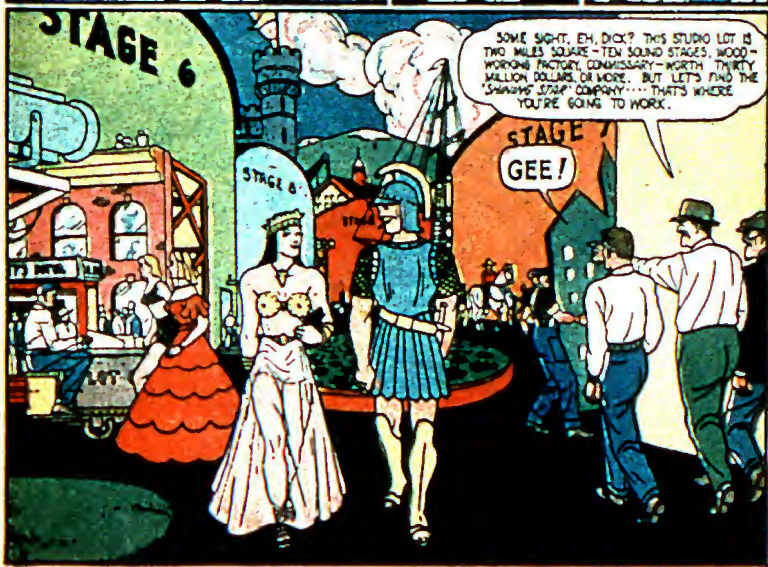
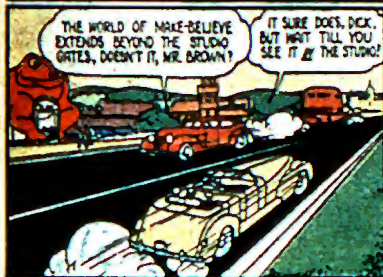
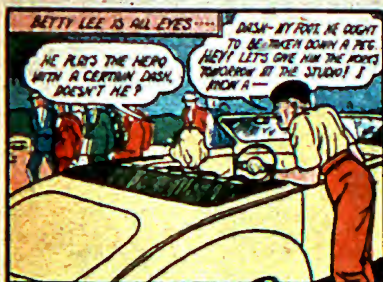
ROY!

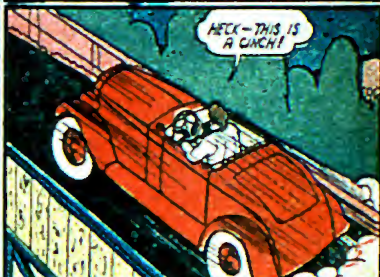
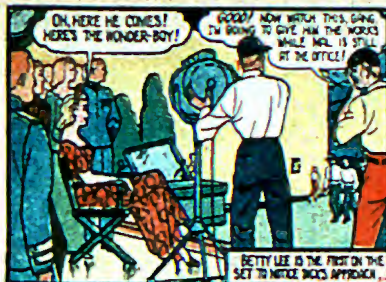
THE NEXT MORNING FINDS THEM HIGH IN THE CLOUDS WINGING WEST TO HOLLYWOOD!

CALIFORNIA, HERE WE COME!





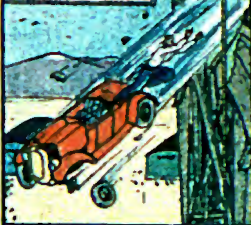




MEANWHILE—BERT HART, THE ACTOR, AND TINO BALCOLINI, THE HEAD DIRECTOR, APPROACH THE SCENE—
WAL—LOOK!
 AHEAD IN THE SKY-HILL IS GOING ON UP THERE!



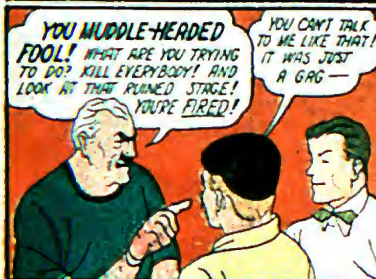
AS THE CAR HURRIES THROUGH SPACE, DICK LEAPS FREE OF IT—



CLIMBES DESPERATELY AT A STEEP LENGTH OF ROPE ATTACHED TO THE STAGING—



AND DESCENDS TO THE GROUND—



—AS FOR YOU, WONDER-BOY—YOU'RE THE CAUSE OF THIS MESS SO YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT FOR YOURSELF! GET IT?

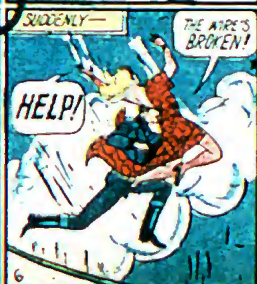


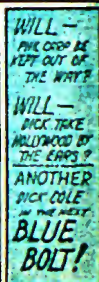
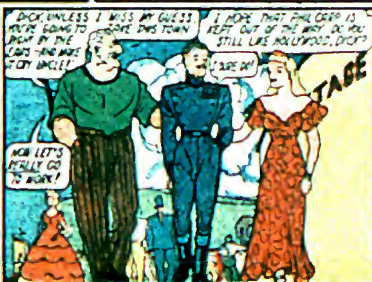
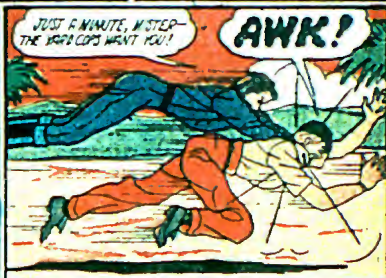
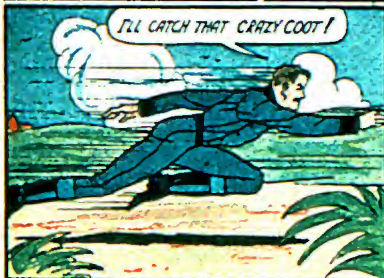
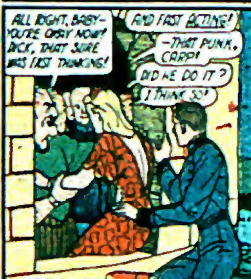
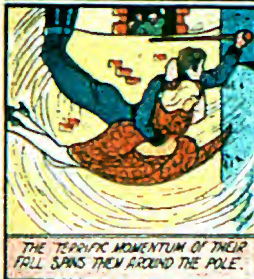
NOW THAT THAT DOPE'S GONE, I WANT YOU BOYS TO MEET EACH OTHER, DICK. THIS IS BERT HART! SHAKE HANDS; THEN LET'S HUSTLE OVER TO WARDROBE AND GET YOU INTO A MONKEY-SUIT, DICK!

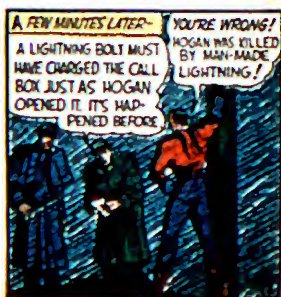
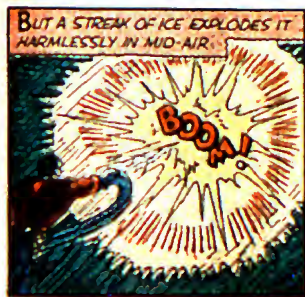
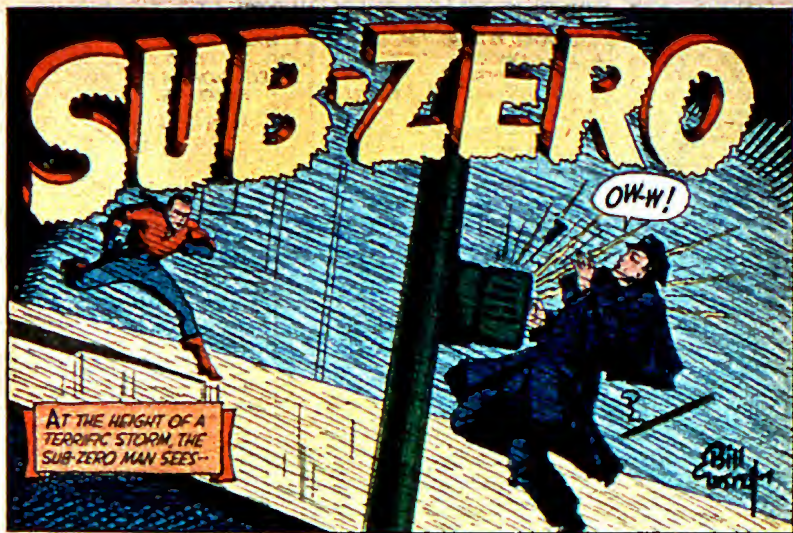


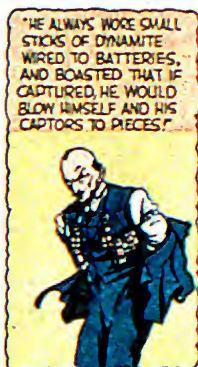
FOR THE STUDIO WARDROBE DEPARTMENT



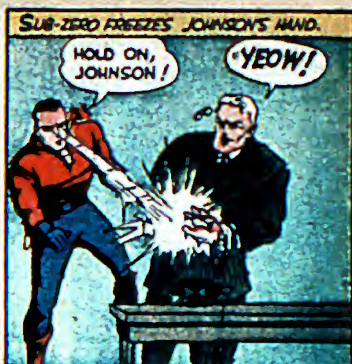


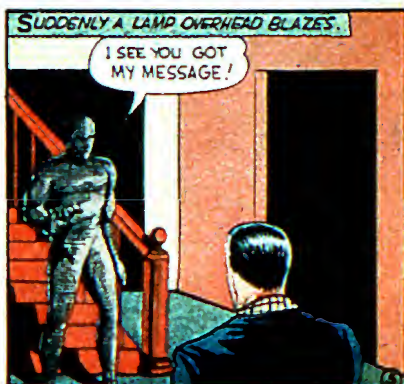
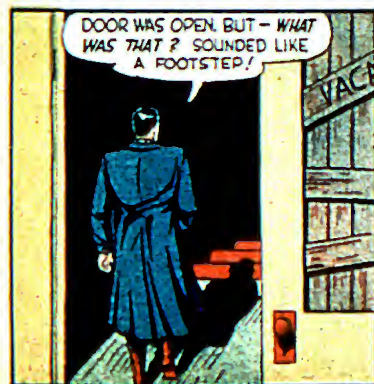
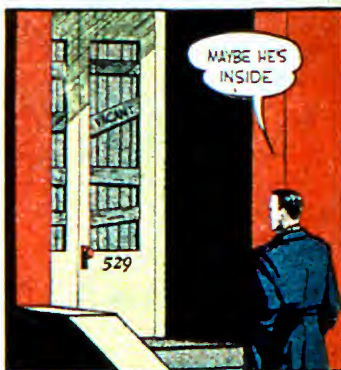






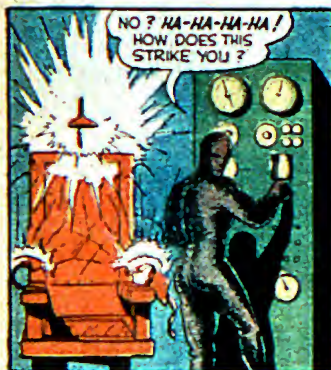






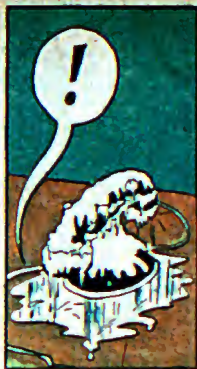


REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS, SUB-ZERO FINDS HIMSELF
BOUND WITH COLD RESISTANT THINGS.



AS PROFESSOR X PREPARES TO SHAVE SUB-ZERO'S HEAD FOR THE ELECTRODE CAP...

SO YOU'RE GOING TO MURDER ME, EH?



SAVE YOUR BREATH, AND STOP SHOUTING! THE WALLS ARE SOUNDPROOF!



THAT WAS CLEVER OF YOU-LEAVING A MESSAGE SIGNED WITH THE D.A.'S NAME, AND TELLING ME TO COME HERE TO 529 DRAKE STREET, WASN'T IT PROFESSOR?



TOO BAD YOU WON'T LIVE TO SEE HOW CLEVER I REALLY AM!



SUB-ZERO CLOSES HIS EYES, RELEASING HIS GAZE UPON THE PHONE, FEARING THE PROFESSOR MIGHT SUSPECT.

AS THE ICE MELTS, THE RECEIVER DROPS INTO PLACE IN ITS CRADLE, BREAKING THE CONNECTION!

CLICK!



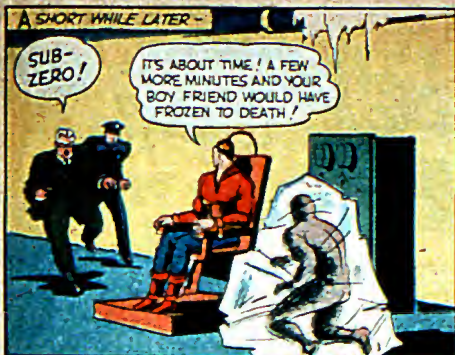
LATER -

NO HELP YET! I WONDER IF THAT MESSAGE GOT THROUGH?



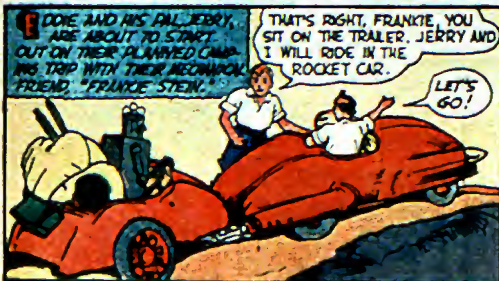
JUST ABOUT READY, SUB-ZERO. MY FRIEND!





Edison Bell

Young Inventor



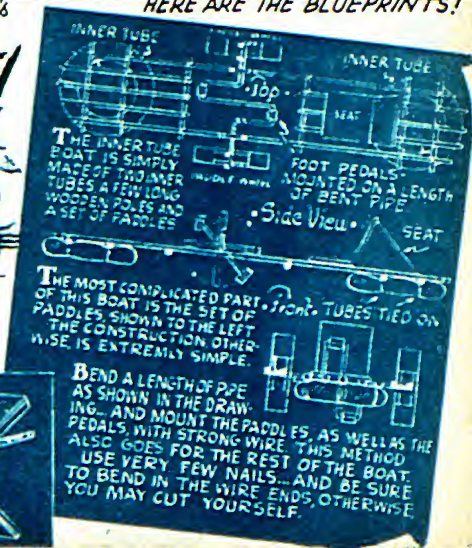


HEY-FELLOWS! Make Eddie's

INNER TUBE Boat!



HERE ARE THE BLUEPRINTS!

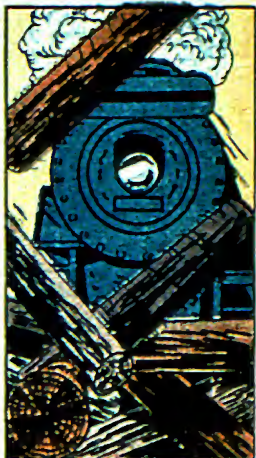


NAIL FOUR THIN PIECES OF WOOD TO THE LONGER STICKS... AND ATTACH WITH WIRE TO THE BENT PIPE AS SHOWN...





SERGEANT SPOOK - WHO WAS ACCIDENTLY KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY - CONTINUES TO FIGHT CRIME AND CRIMINALS IN HIS GHOSTLY FORM.



THE ENGINEER APPLIES THE BRAKES, BUT TOO LATE. THE LIMITED PLOWS INTO THE LOGS.

SERGEANT SPOOK-WHO HAS BEEN ABOARD THE TRAIN-RACES TOWARD THE ENGINE.



HMM-LOGS ON THE TRACK! THAT'S FUNNY!



SUDDENLY SHOTS RING OUT FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE BAGGAGE CAR.



SERGEANT SPOOK REACHES THE CAR JUST AS A MASKED BANDIT LEAPS DOWN CARRYING A MAIL BAG.



BOTH MEN STOP DEAD IN THEIR TRACKS, TO THEIR GREAT SURPRISE, THEY'RE BOTH GHOSTS.



WAL IF IT AIN'T ONE OF THEM MODERN THOS!

WHO ARE YOU?



ME? WHY I'M JESSE JAMES!



JESSE JAMES! AND YOU'RE STILL ROBBING TRAINS!

YEAH! I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO BREAK THE HABIT!



WELL-THIS IS ONE TRAIN YOU WON'T ROB!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!



SPOOK SOCKS THE GHOST BANDIT AND SENDS HIM SPRAWLING.



JESSE JAMES DRAWS A GUN!

DON'T BE SILLY! YOU KNOW BULLETS WON'T HURT ME!

THESE WALL! THIS IS A GHOST GUN!



AS SERGEANT SPOOK MAKES A GRAB FOR JESSE'S GUN, THE GHOST BANDIT FIRES- AND SPOOK SLUMPS TO THE GROUND.



JESSE JAMES LEISURELY
PICKS UP THE MAIL BAG.
THEN —



WHISTLES, AND UP GALLOPS
HIS GHOST HORSE.



ABOUT AN HOUR LATER,
SERGEANT SPOOK RECOVERS



— AND FINDING THE INVIS-
IBLE TRACKS OF THE GHOST
HORSE, HE TRAILS THEM.



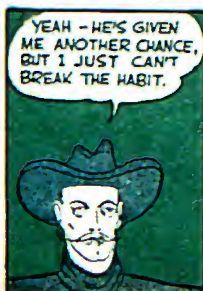
FOURS LATER SPOOK IS IN
THE HEART OF THE CITY.

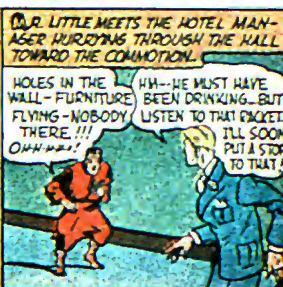
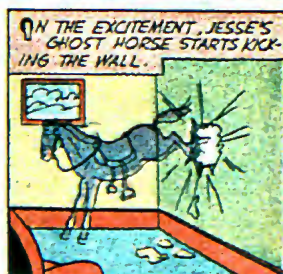
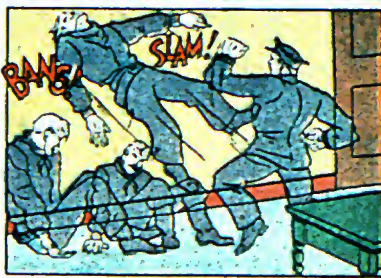
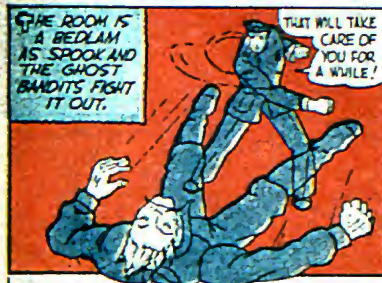


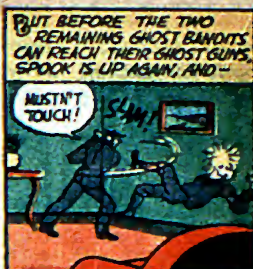
IF I KNOW JESSE JAMES,
HE'LL BE STOPPING AT
THE BEST
HOTEL IN
TOWN!



SPOOK ENTERS THE
HOTEL MASTER.







OLD CAP HAWKIN'S TALES

You gotta keep cool in an emergency, lad! That's what Colonel Prescott meant at Bunker Hill when he said -



Old Captain Hawkins, the ex-mariner, entertains his little pal, Joey, with stories of our country's great traditions - and the words that make them remembered.

Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes.



In 1775 the Colonists convinced that war was inevitable, began to cache their military stores.



On April 17th of that year, General Gage, British Commander in Boston, ordered their caches destroyed.



Paul Revere warned the countryside of the coming raids.



At Concord the Colonial Militia ambushed the raiders in what is now known as the "Battle of Concord."

The following month the Colonial Militia fortified Breed's Hill in Charlestown, the ridge which was known as Bunker Hill.

The troops were commanded by Colonel William Prescott when General Warren courteously stepped aside in his favor.



On June 17th, as the British under General Gage attacked Bunker Hill, Prescott shouted his famous command: "Do not fire until you see the whites of their eyes!"

COLONEL
PRESCOTT

GENERAL
WARREN

General Warren, fighting as a private in the Colonial Militia, was killed. When generals are willing to fight as privates, it is significant of a faith in freedom that is unconquerable.

This monument marks the sight of the Battle of Bunker Hill, where Prescott gave his famous order to the Colonists.

PERLEY MOONSHINE, BUFFALO HUNTER, TRAPPER AND TRADER, WAS HELPING LOOK LIKE AND CHOOZER HOLD OFF A PANGEL OF INDIANS. BUT WHEN THEIR MAMMOTH RAN OUT, PERLEY WAMOOGED LEAVING THEM TO BE CAPTURED BY CHIEF "TAKE-A-POKE" AND HIS "KICK-A-WITCHEE" WARRIORS.

NOPE, I DON'T SEE HIS DUST NO WHERE, NO HOW!

Pony Tracks

by JACK A. WARDEN

YOU'RE JUST LOOKIN' FOR MORE TROUBLE AND GRIEF FOR US! 'SIDES IF I FIND THAT LITTLE VARMINT-I'LL-TLL-

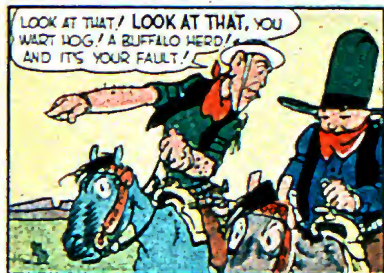
YOU KEEP ON READIN' SIGNS. I'LL DO A LITTLE MEDITATION ON WHY WE WANT TO FIND HIM.

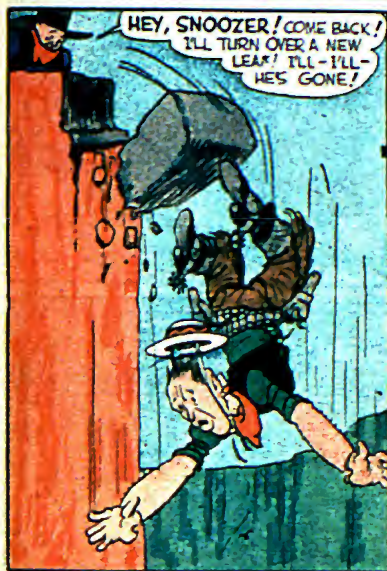
HUMPH! LOOKS LIKE INJUN FIRE TO ME.

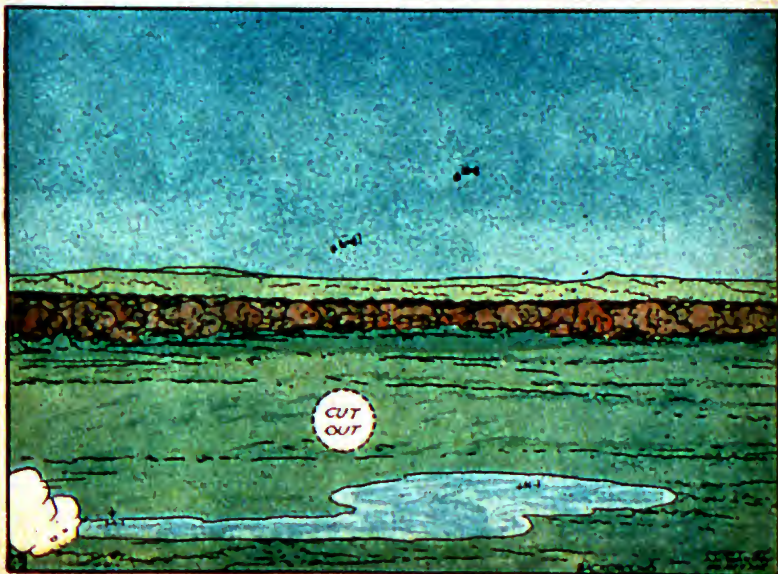
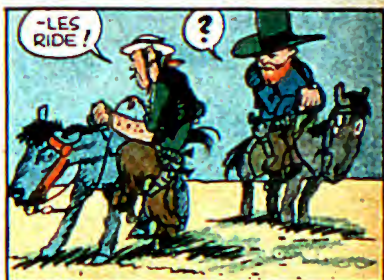
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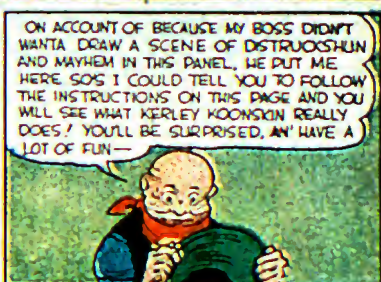
WE'VE BEEN RIDIN' HIS TRAIL FOR A WEEK, AN' ALL WE'VE FOUND IS HEAT, DUST AND CACTUS, AND NOW WE'RE MAKIN' DRY CAMP. NO SIGN OF WATER OR FOOD. JUST S'MORE OF YOUR BRIGHT IDEAS!

KEEP RIDIN', COWBOY! - UM-M- I SHO'D COULD AGITATE SOME BUCKWHEAT PANCAKES AND SORGUM MOLASSES RIGHT NOW. IF I HAD A DRINK OF WATER - A DRINK OF WATER - WATER - WATER - WATER -





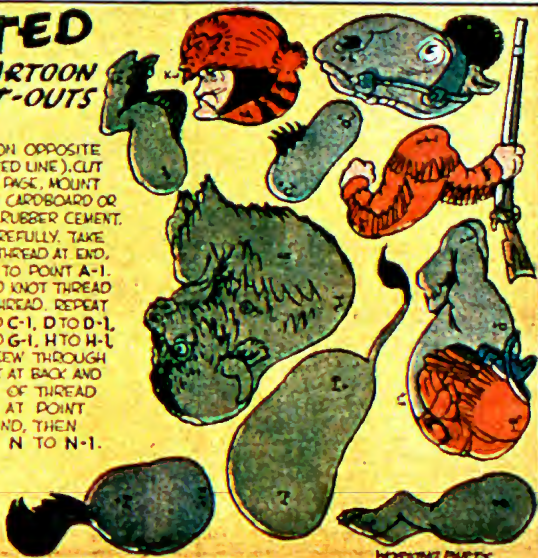




JACK A. WARREN'S ANIMATED CARTOON CUT-OUTS

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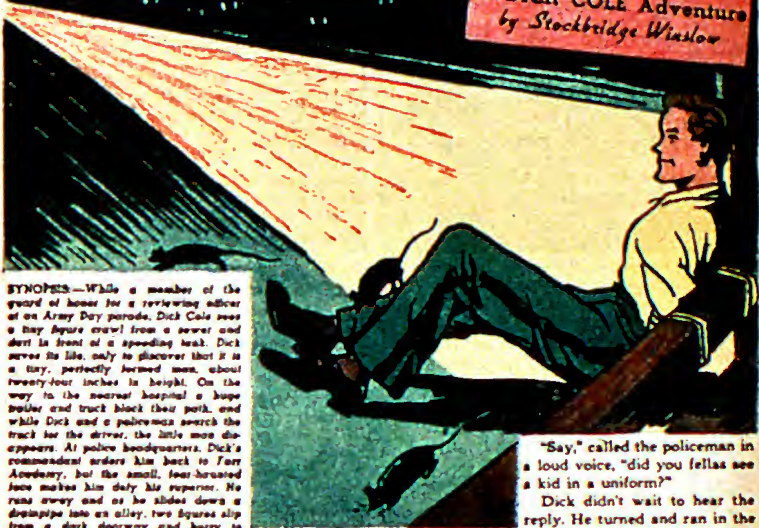
CUT OUT BACKGROUND ON OPPOSITE PAGE, CUT OUT HOLE (DOTTED LINE), CUT OUT WORKING PARTS ON THIS PAGE, MOUNT BACKGROUND AND PARTS ON CARDBOARD OR STIFF PAPER WITH PASTE OR RUBBER CEMENT. CUT OUT WORKING PARTS CAREFULLY. TAKE NEEDLE AND THREAD, KNOT THREAD AT END, SEW THROUGH AT POINT A TO POINT A-1. DRAW PARTS TOGETHER AND KNOT THREAD AT BACK, UP CLOSE. CUT THREAD. REPEAT AT POINTS B TO B-1, C TO C-1, D TO D-1, E TO E-1, F TO F-1, G TO G-1, H TO H-1, AND I TO I-1. AT POINT J SEW THROUGH WITH DOUBLE THREAD, KNOT AT BACK AND LEAVE ABOUT TWO INCHES OF THREAD FOR HANDLE. NEXT SEW AT POINT K TO K-1 ON BACKGROUND, THEN L TO L-1, M TO M-1, AND N TO N-1. PULL THREAD AT POINT J THROUGH HOLE IN BACKGROUND AND TURN IN ROTARY MOTION.



THE MYSTERY OF THE LITTLE MEN

Faintly, as though from a great distance, Dick heard the strange scraping noise. Then suddenly it became louder, and a quavering high-pitched voice shrilled out.

A DICK COLE Adventure
by Stockbridge Winslow



SYNOPSIS.—While a member of the guard of honor for a reviewing officer at an Army Day parade, Dick Cole sees a tiny figure crawl from a sewer and dart in front of a speeding truck. Dick saves its life, only to discover that it is a tiny, perfectly formed man, about twenty-four inches in height. On the way to the nearest hospital a huge boiler and truck block their path, and while Dick and a policeman search the truck for the driver, the little man disappears. At police headquarters, Dick's commandant orders him back to Farr Academy, but the small, fear-brained Jace makes him defy his superiors. He runs away and as he slides down a drainpipe into an alley, two figures slip from a dark doorway and hurry to meet him.

TEN feet above the ground, Dick let go of the drainpipe and dropped. As his feet struck, an arm circled his neck and jerked his head back. His next act was almost automatic. Dick swept his right hand up over his shoulder and grabbed the collar of his attacker. At the same instant he snapped his powerful body forward. The man hurtled over Dick's head, crashed into the brick wall and crumpled on the ground.

A fist crashed against Dick's ear. He staggered back, stumbled over the fallen man, caught himself and dove for the second man. The fury of Dick's attack broke down the other's guard, his fists thudded twice in quick succession, and the man turned and ran.

Dick spun around to see the second man stumble drunkenly to his feet and follow his companion. A cop suddenly appeared at the mouth of the alley, and both men slowed down to a walk.

"Say," called the policeman in a loud voice, "did you fellas see a kid in a uniform?"

Dick didn't wait to hear the reply. He turned and ran in the other direction. As he pounded out into the street at the end of the alley a green and white police car braked suddenly. The doors burst open and the two policemen leaped out.

"Hey, you!" one shouted. "Hold on!"

Dick sprinted down the street after a speeding truck. Though it was travelling fast, he overtook the vehicle and hauled himself onto the tailboard. The cops were back in their coupe, frantically trying to turn it around in the narrow street.

Dick was certain of one thing: his uniform gave him away. He crawled into the empty truck and tore off his cap, blouse and belt, and even his necktie. Then, as the truck slowed for a corner, he dropped to the street and melted into the crowd.

A few blocks away he found a vacant lot and a mudpuddle. He mussed his hair and smeared his clean pants with dirt. Then, hands deep in his pockets, shoulders bent, he continued on, the direct opposite of Dick Cole, the snappy cadet.

At a nearby store, Dick bought a small flashlight. He had a plan for locating the little man, but would have to wait until nightfall.

MIDNIGHT found Dick at the sewer from which the little man had crawled. The grandstand that had been across the street was gone, and so were the throngs of people. A few cars sped by but no one seemed to notice Dick.

Getting down, on one knee, Dick pried up the manhole cover and slid it to one side. He slipped down into the darkness and, hanging on with one hand, pulled the flashlight from his pocket and snapped it on.

Water gurgled beneath him. High up on the wall, near the low arch that permitted the water to rush in from the gutter, was a jagged hole. It looked as though the bricks had been pried loose.

Dick stuffed the flashlight into his hip pocket, then swung his body like a pendulum, faster and faster. Suddenly he let go, and his body lanced through the darkness. His outstretched fingers clutched at the rim of the hole.

The brick under his left hand pulled loose, and he heard it go bouncing down and splash in the water. Slowly and cautiously he inched his way up and into the hole. He wondered if anyone would notice the open manhole and investigate.

His flashlight revealed that he was in a narrow, damp tunnel. It was constructed of brick and

had probably at one time been used as a sewer. From the direction in which it ran, Dick judged that it passed under the avenue and into the park. The floor was cluttered with fallen bricks and a layer of mud, through which ran what appeared to be the faint trail of a small animal.

The tunnel was only three feet in diameter, and Dick was obliged to crawl. As he slipped and slithered through the mud, the stench got stronger and stronger.

The tunnel turned sharply, and Dick found his path blocked by iron bars. There were five of them, about six inches apart, set vertically in the masonry. The little man could have easily squeezed through, but not Dick.

Dick set the light down so that the beam was directed on the bars. Then he gripped one of the bars at the base. It took a half hour of pushing and pulling, but his super-strength finally won out and the concrete cracked apart. It was much easier, using the bar as a lever, to pry out two more.

He slipped through and found himself in a circular, well-like chamber. There were iron rungs set in the wall. He swung himself up and slipped through the trapdoor at the top.

His light flicked over heaps of dusty furniture and heavy stone arches that supported the ceiling. It appeared to be the basement of an old mansion.

There was a soft scuff behind him. Dick turned—but too late. A heavy body struck him; his light went flying, and he went down.

"Don't take no chances!" wheezed a voice. "Give him the needle!"

Dick was pinned face downward by a weight on his back. He felt fingers on his arm and the next instant a needle pierced his shirt sleeve and sank deep into his muscle.

A door opened and a shaft of light shot across the stone floor. Dick knew he was losing consciousness, but he managed to twist his head. His dimming eyes could barely make out a row of

little cages, and the naked little prisoners pressed against the bars—watching.

WHEN Dick opened his eyes he was in darkness. His head throbbed painfully from the drug that had been injected into his body. He twisted about, and discovered that he was securely bound to a thick wooden beam.

There was a faint tapping, like that of little feet, and when he turned his head he saw a pair of close-set eyes gleaming in the darkness. He looked in the other direction and saw two more sets of eyes. A small, warm body slipped over his legs.

"Rats!"

How long he lay there, motionless and perspiring, Dick never knew. Finally a bolt slid out of its socket and he heard the screech of rusty, ancient hinges.

A powerful beam of light leaped at him, blinding him. He heard the rats scurrying away. Then there was silence.

Faintly, as though from a distance, he heard a strange noise: *Scrape-clump, scrape-clump, scrape-clump.*

Then the sound became louder—very loud, and seemed to be almost on top of him. Then suddenly a quivering, high-pitched voice thrilled out.

"It's Dick Cole! The world's greatest athlete! I am fortunate!" The voice paused, then continued: "Bring him to me in an hour. Everything will be ready!"

The strange noise began again, then faded into nothingness. The light went out and the door squeaked shut.

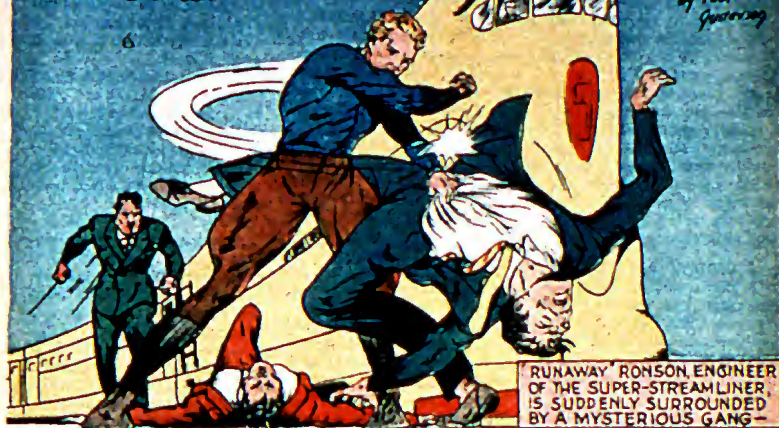
Dick shuddered. The rats came back, but he never noticed them. He was thinking—thinking deeply

WHO IS THE OWNER OF THE MYSTERIOUS VOICE, AND WHAT DOES HE PLAN TO DO WITH DICK COLE? FOLLOW THIS STARTLING STORY IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE OF BLUE BOLT

RUNAWAY RONSON

STREAM-ENGINEER

by Paul Gusterson



RUNAWAY RONSON, ENGINEER OF THE SUPER-STREAMLINER, IS SUDDENLY SURROUNDED BY A MYSTERIOUS GANG—



THERE'S ANOTHER ONE BEHIND YOU, RUNAWAY!



THANKS, ANDY!



OPEN HER UP, ANDY... WE'RE FIVE MINUTES LATE AS IT IS!



HIS ASSISTANT, ANDY, STARTS THE SUPER-STREAMLINER AND IN A FLASH RUNAWAY LEAPS TO THE OLD LADDER



MEANWHILE, IN THE CAB OF THE SUPER STREAMLINER...

ANDY! SOMEBODY'S KNOCKING AT THE DOOR! SEE WHO IT IS!



[GULD? W-WHAT IS?? RUNAWAY!]

THOUGHT YOU'D GET AWAY WITH IT, EH?!



YOU GUYS AGAIN! GET AWAY WITH WHAT? IF YOU DON'T MIND TELLING ME, WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, ANYWAY!



OH... A SMART GUY! SO YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT STARTING A FIGHT AN' LIFTIN' MY WATCH, EH?



WHY YOU COUPLE OF LUNATICS... WHAT DO YOU THINK I'D TAKE YOUR WATCH FOR?



RUNAWAY'S HAND BRUSHES AGAINST HIS JACKET AND HE FEELS SOMETHING GOLD...



WHERE'D THIS COME FROM? MY WATCH!



PEST... HOW MUCH TIME HAVE WE GOT? ABOUT TEN SECONDS!



YOU CHEAD CROOK... YOU AINT GETTIN' AWAY WITH IT! THIS TRAIN AINT MOVIN' AN INCH TILL I GET MY WATCH BACK!



THE KUG PULLS THE EMERGENCY BRAKE... AND IN A SUDDEN SCREECH, THE STREAMLINER COMES TO A STOP!



OW... MY HEAD! YOU HALF-BRAINED IDIOT... ARE YOU TRYING TO WRECK THIS TRAIN?



AN EXCITED BRAKEMAN RUSHES INTO THE ENGINE ROOM



RUNAWAY... A MAN WAS THROWN OFF THE OBSERVATION PLATFORM WHEN YOU STOPPED LIKE THAT!



C'MON, ANDY... THIS IS SERIOUS! NO YOU DON'T! GIMME MY WATCH!



HERE'S YOUR HANGED WATCH! C'MON... YOU'RE COMING WITH ME... I WANT TO SEE YOU AFTER I TAKE CARE OF THIS!



YEAH! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOUR STUPID WORK, THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!



AS RUNAWAY REACHES THE REAR OF THE SUPER STREAM-LINER...

IS HE HURT BADLY?



KILLED INSTANTLY!

DEAD! YEAH... AN' IT'S YOUR FAULT! IF YOU HADN'T STOLEN MY WATCH... THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!



SO-O-O! IT WAS THE FAULT OF THE ENGINEER! STAND WHERE YOU ARE... I'LL SEE THAT YOU PAY FOR MY FRIEND'S DEATH!



IT... IT'LL BE MANSLAUGHTER, RUNAWAY!



OW... THAT BUMP I GOT FROM HITTING THE WIND-SHIELD IS AS SORE AS A BOIL!



JUMPING CATFISH... WAIT A MINUTE! I HIT MY HEAD ON THE WIND-SHIELD... I WAS THROWN FORWARD!



SAY... WAS THERE ANYONE ELSE ON THE PLATFORM BESIDES YOURSELF AND YOUR FRIEND THAT WAS KILLED?

ER... NO... NOT A SOUL!



FINE! MIND IF I LOOK AT YOUR FRIEND'S FACE... THE NAME DR. SHELTON SOUNDS FAMILIAR?

WHAT'S YOUR GAME, BOO?



"DOC" SHELTON... THE NOTORIOUS CHICAGO RACKETEER!

WHAT'S HE UP TO, BOSS?

SHUT UP, YOU FOOL!

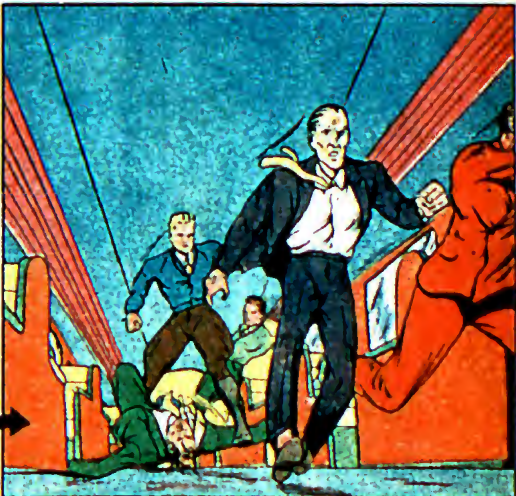


SO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER, EH? I'M BEGINNING TO PIECE ALL THIS TOGETHER... ESPECIALLY WITH 'DOC' SHELTON IN THE PICTURE!

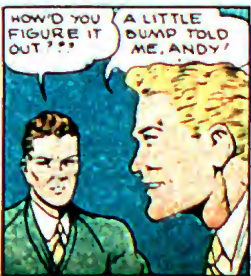


GET BACK! YOU'RE UP FOR A MANSLAUGHTER RAP... AN' I'M GONNA SEE THAT YOU GET IT!

C'MON, BOSS! LET'S GET OUTA HERE!



AS RIKER STEPS BACKWARDS, ANDY STICKS OUT HIS FOOT, TRIPPING HIM. LIKE A FLASH, RUNAWAY STREAKS AFTER HIS ACCOMPLICES.



THE WHITE RIDER

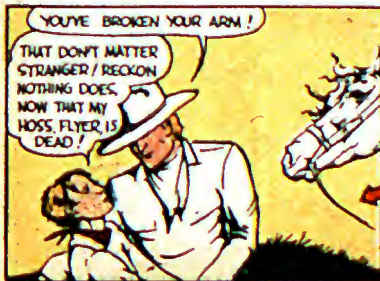
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SUPER HORSE

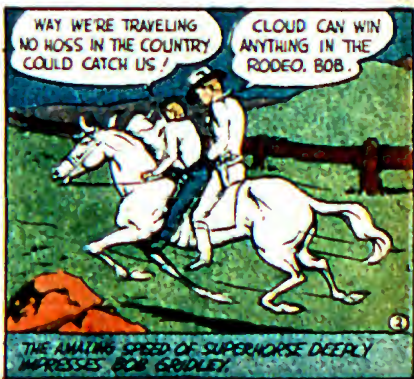
ANOTHER STORY OF THAT AMAZING ANIMAL OF MIGHT AND INTELLIGENCE "SUPERHORSE", DISCOVERED BY THE WHITE RIDER IN THE STRANGE "LOST CANYON", WHERE THE STRONG PULL OF GRAVITY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENT IN SUPERHORSE'S PHYSICAL POWERS. HE HAS BEEN TRAINED BY THE RIDER UNTIL HIS MENTAL ABILITIES ARE NOW ALMOST HUMAN.



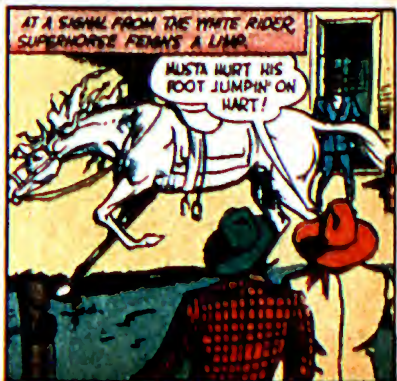
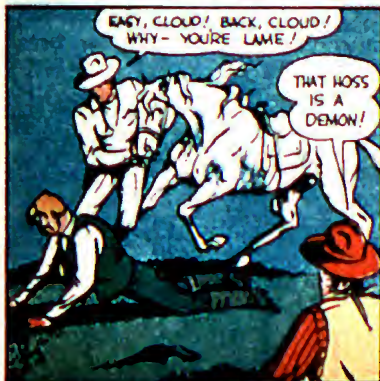
AS THEY REACH THE SCENE OF THE SHOOTING, THREE RIDERS DISAPPEAR OVER A DISTANT KNOLL, AND ON THE GROUND LAY A BOY AND A HORSE.

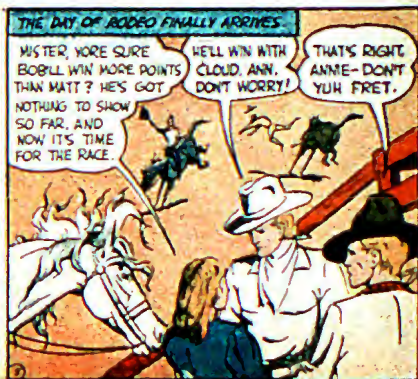
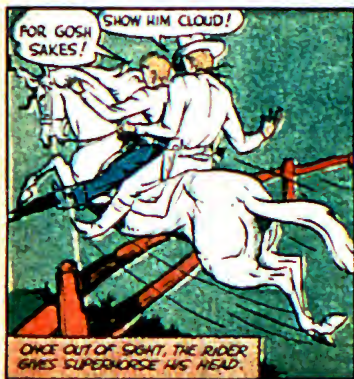
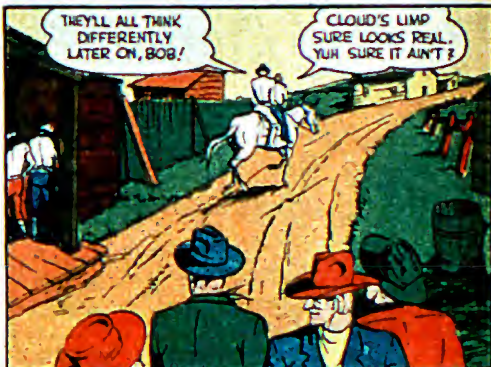
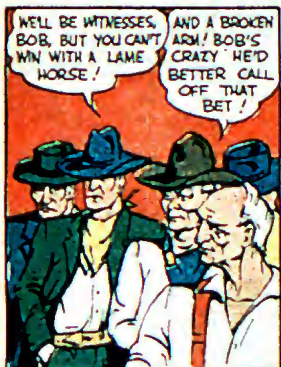


THAT DON'T MATTER STRANGER / RECKON NOTHING DOES, NOW THAT MY HOSS FLYER IS DEAD!

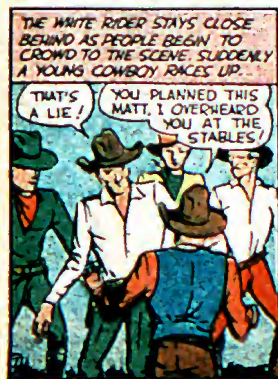
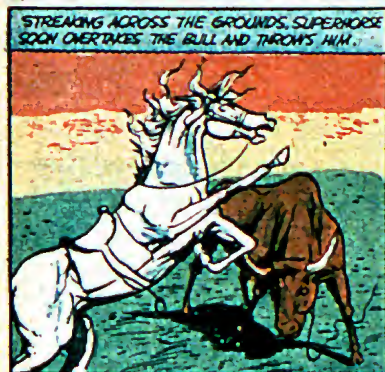
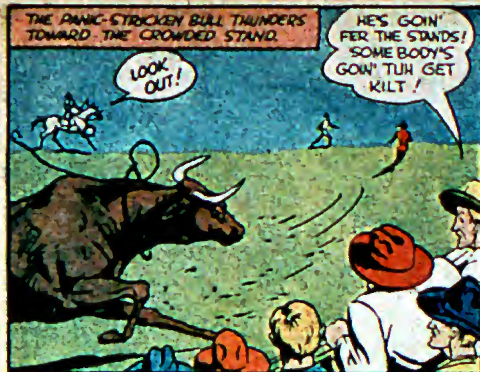












The PHANTOM SUB



OUR YOUNG ADVENTURERS, THE PHANTOM CREW, AND THEIR SUPER-SUBMARINE, THE PHANTOM SUB, FIND THEMSELVES IN THE CENTER OF THE MOST TERRIFIC, FREAKISH STORM WHICH EVER SWEEPED THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

by *DES*

WINDS, BLINDING RAINS, AND WORST OF ALL, HUGE ICEBERGS WHICH HAVE BEEN BLOWN DOWN FROM THE ARCTIC CIRCLE, HAMPER THEIR PROGRESS.



OFF THE NORTHERN COAST OF JAPAN, IN THE PATH OF THIS STORM, LIES THE SMALL ISLAND OF SOUGHII, NOW RAVAGED BY AN EPIDEMIC OF CHOLERA.

THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY DOCTOR IS COURAGEOUSLY BATTLING THE EPIDEMIC WHEN SUDDENLY -

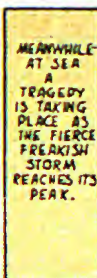
DOCTOR!
DOCTOR!

WHAT'S THE
MATTER?

THE SUPPLY OF SERUM
HAS RUN OUT!

WHAT? IT
CAN'T BE! WE'LL
NEVER CHECK THE
DISEASE WITHOUT
IT!



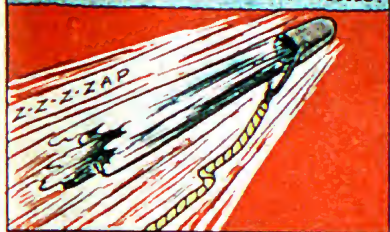




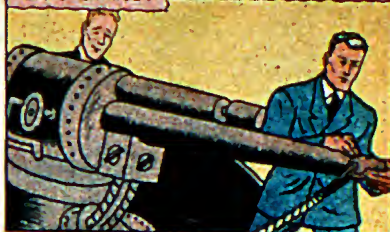
WE CAN'T GET ANY CLOSER WITH SAFETY, JACK.

I KNOW, WE'LL HAVE TO TRY AND THROW THEM A LINE ON A PROJECTILE OF WATER!

A PROJECTILE OF COMPRESSED WATER IS THEN FIRED, THE PROJECTILE CATCHES THE CUP AND CARRIES THE LINE TO THE WRECKED VESSEL.



A METAL CUP, WITH A ROPE ATTACHED IS PLACED OVER THE MOUTH OF THE WATER-GUN'S BARREL.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT HELP A VESSEL LIKE THAT CAN BE TO US - BUT ANYTHING'S A HELP, SO MAKE THAT LINE FAST!

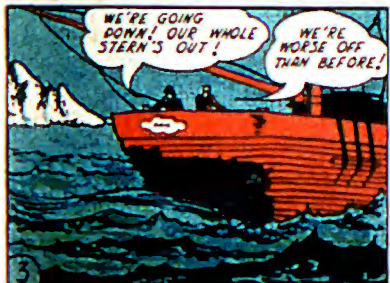


WITH A POWERFUL SURGE THE SUB PULLS THE BOAT FREE!

EGAD, WHAT MANNER OF CRAFT CAN THAT BE?

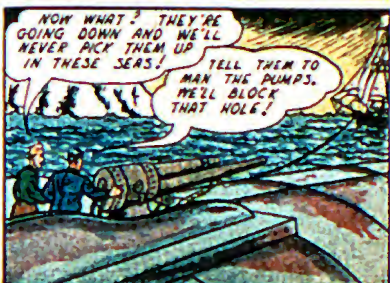
IT'S DONE IT! WE'RE FREE!

BUT AS THE SUB PULLS THE BOAT AWAY FROM THE ICEBERG, THE OCEAN ROLLS INTO THE SHIP THROUGH A HUGE HOLE IN THE STERN.



WE'RE GOING DOWN! OUR WHOLE STERN'S OUT!

WE'RE WORSE OFF THAN BEFORE!



NOW WHAT? THEY'RE GOING DOWN AND WE'LL NEVER PICK THEM UP IN THESE SEAS!

TELL THEM TO MAN THE PUMPS, WE'LL BLOCK THAT HOLE!

QUICKLY, BUT CAUTIOUSLY, THE SUB PUTS ITS NOSE INTO THE GAPING HOLE IN THE SHIP'S STERN.



WE'LL BLOW ME DOWN!
THEY'VE STOPPED THE
LEAK. I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!

IT'S TRUE,
ALL RIGHT, CAP.
THAT SUB'S
SOME BOAT!



IN THIS MANNER, THE PHANTOM SUB PUSHES THE SHIP SAFELY INTO PORT

WELL, WE'RE IN
SAFE. I WONDER
WHAT THAT CROWD
ON THE DOCK
MEANS?



AT THE DOCK
THEY LEARN OF THE
EPIDEMIC OF CHOLERA
ON SOUGH ISLAND.
THE BRAVE DOCTOR
IS STILL TRYING TO
GET THE SERUM
THROUGH TO HIS
FELLOW DOCTOR ON
THE ISLAND, BUT
THE STORM HAS PUT
ALL TRANSPORTATION
AT A STANDSTILL.
SEEING THE
MARVELOUS RESCUE
EFFECTED BY THE SUB,
HE APPROACHES THE
PHANTOM CREW.

I KNOW IT'S INVITING ANYBODY
TO COMMIT SUICIDE TO ASK
THEM TO TRY TO GET
THROUGH TO SOUGH, BUT
YOU'RE THE LAST DIME
CHANCE. WILL YOU
TRY?

OF COURSE
WE'LL TRY!
WHERE'S THE
SERUM?



WE'VE GOT THE
SERUM RIGHT HERE.
THE MEN WILL LOAD IT
ON. ARE YOU SURE
YOU WANT TO TRY?

YES, WE DO!
WHAT ARE OUR
FEB LIVES WHEN
WE MAY SAVE
HUNDREDS?



SOON, ALL IS READY.

SOUGH IS THIRTY MILES DUE NORTH. A REEF
ENCIRCLES THE ISLAND, THROUGH WHICH IS BUT
ONE ENTRANCE. THIS IS MARKED BY A POINTED
ROCK. LOOK FOR THAT ROCK AN' BEST OF LUCK!

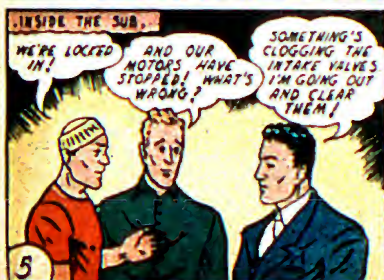
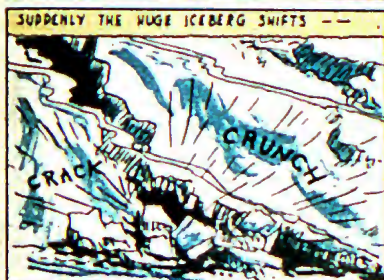
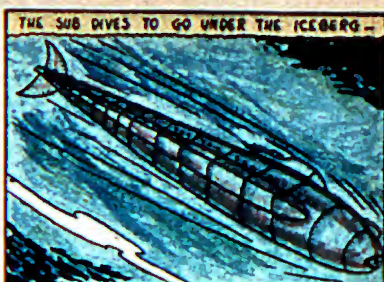
THAT'S WE'LL
NEED IT!



NOW I KNOW WHO THEY
ARE! THAT'S THE
PHANTOM SUB! THOSE
MEN ARE OUTLAWS,
CRIMINALS!

THEY MAY BE
OUTLAWS IN
THE EYES OF
OTHERS, BUT TO
ME THEY'RE THE
BRAVEST MEN IN
THE WORLD!





ARMED WITH ONLY A KNIFE, JACK ATTACKS, AND —



AFTER A TERRIBLE STRUGGLE FREES THE INTAKE VALVES.



THEN AS THE DEAD OCTOPUS REACHES THE SURFACE IT DISINTEGRATES WITH A SICKENING SOUND!



WOW! WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT? -- OH, I SEE. THE SUB, TAKING IN THE WATER FOR ITS WATER-DRIVEN ENGINES, AND OTHER PURPOSES, IS QUICKLY USING UP THE WATER IN THIS CAVERN. THE LOWERING WATER, IS LEAVING A VACUUM! WOW, WHAT A SPOT WE'RE IN! I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE SUB!



BACK IN THE SUB, JACK OUTLINES THE SITUATION.

SO, SOON WE'LL HAVE USED UP ALL THE WATER AND THIS CAVERN WILL BE ONE LARGE VACUUM. WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT BEFORE THAT HAPPENS! WE'LL TRY TO BLAST OUR WAY OUT WITH THE GUN.



PROJECTILE AFTER PROJECTILE IS SHOT AT THE ICY WALLS, BUT TO NO AVAIL.



IT'S NO USE, THAT ICE IS TOO THICK! NOW WHAT?

THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME WAY OUT! WAS ANYBODY ANY IDEAS?

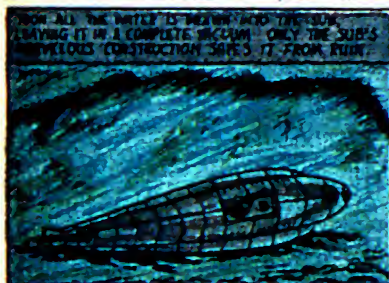
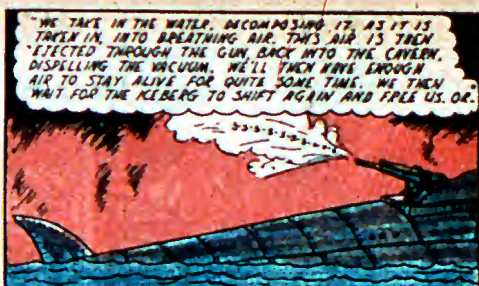
I'VE GOT ONE IT SOUNDS CRAZY, BUT IT MIGHT WORK.



WELL, WHAT IS IT, TED? ANYTHING WILL BE BETTER THAN THIS WAITING!

MY PLAN ENTAILS USING ALL THE WATER LEFT IN THE CAVERN, AND GIVES US TWO VERY SLIM CHANCES.





THE TERRIFIC CONCUSSION
STUNS THE PHANTOM CREW.



BUT THE PROJECTILE DID ITS WORK, AND INTO
THE CAVERN POURS THE PRECIOUS WATER.



THE CREW REVIVES.



JACK, IT DID IT!
WE'RE SAVED!

YES, THANKS
TO TED AND
HIS FERTILE
BRAIN.

AW, IT
WAS
NOTHING.

LET'S GET GOING, FELLOWS!
WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT
SERUM TO SOUGH
ISLAND IN A
HURRY! START
THE MOTORS!



FREE FROM ITS PRISON OF ICE, THE PHANTOM
SUB IS SOON SPEEDING ON ITS WAY.



SAFELY WITHIN THE REEF, THEY REACH
THE CHOLERA-RAVAGED ISLAND.



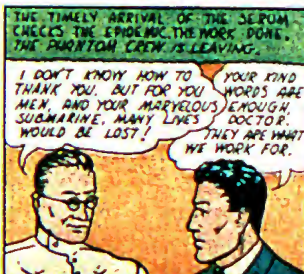
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OF TIME. WE WERE JUST
ABOUT TO GIVE UP HOPE.
BUT NOW WE HAVE A CHANCE
AND WE'LL BEAT THIS PLAGUE!



THE TIMELY ARRIVAL OF THE SERUM
CHECKS THE EPIDEMIC. THE WORK DONE.
THE PHANTOM CREW IS LEAVING.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO
THANK YOU, BUT FOR YOU
MEN, AND YOUR MARVELOUS
SUBMARINE, MANY LIVES
WOULD BE LOST!

YOUR KIND
WORDS ARE
MEN, AND YOUR MARVELOUS
DOCTOR.
THEY ARE WHAT
WE WORK FOR.



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To the lucky winners, BLUE BOLT extends its heartiest congratulations. To those readers who entered the contest but did not quite get into the prize winning column, BLUE BOLT sends its sincere thanks with a genuine wish for better luck next time.

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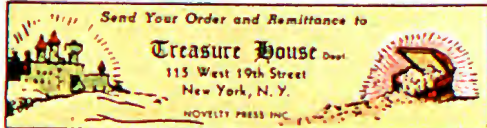
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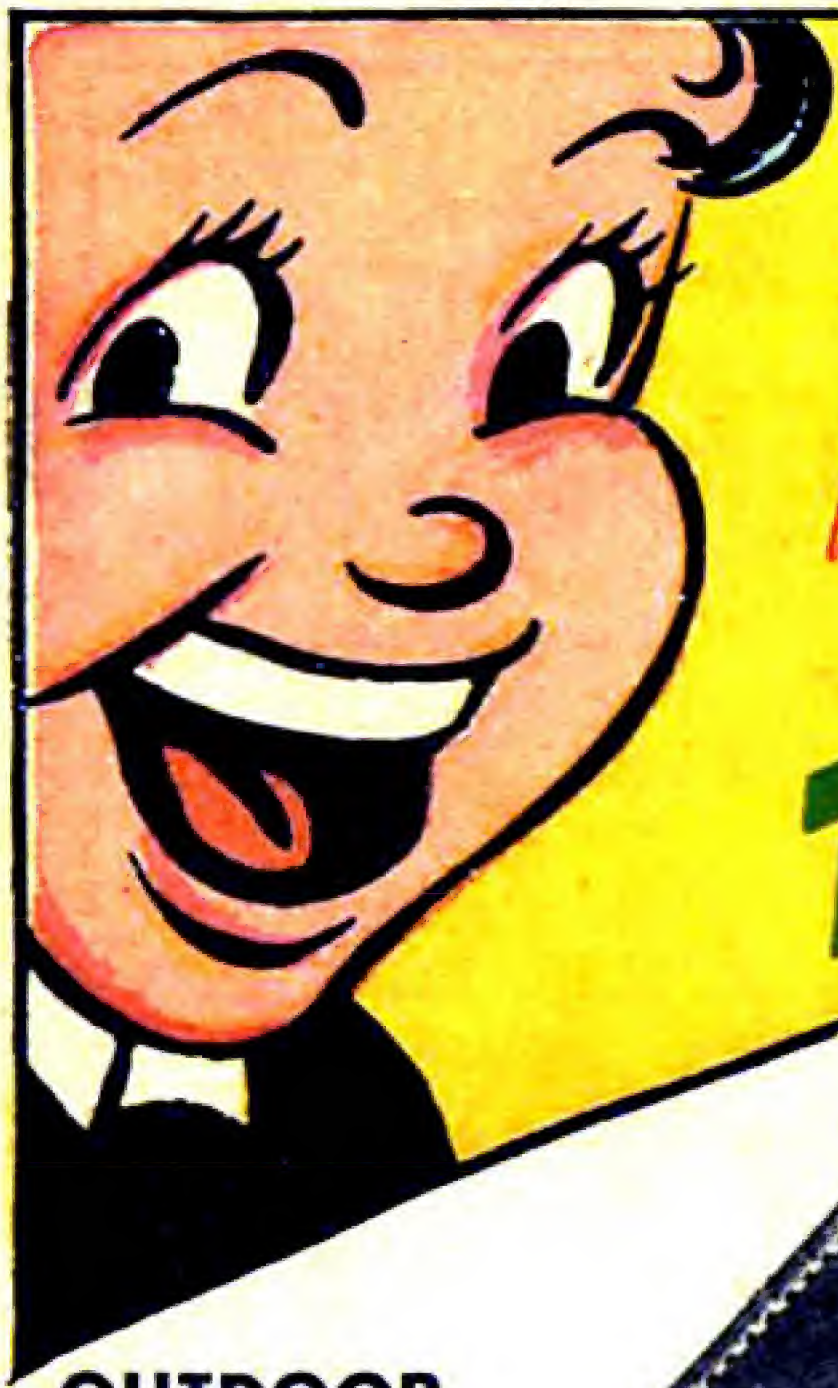


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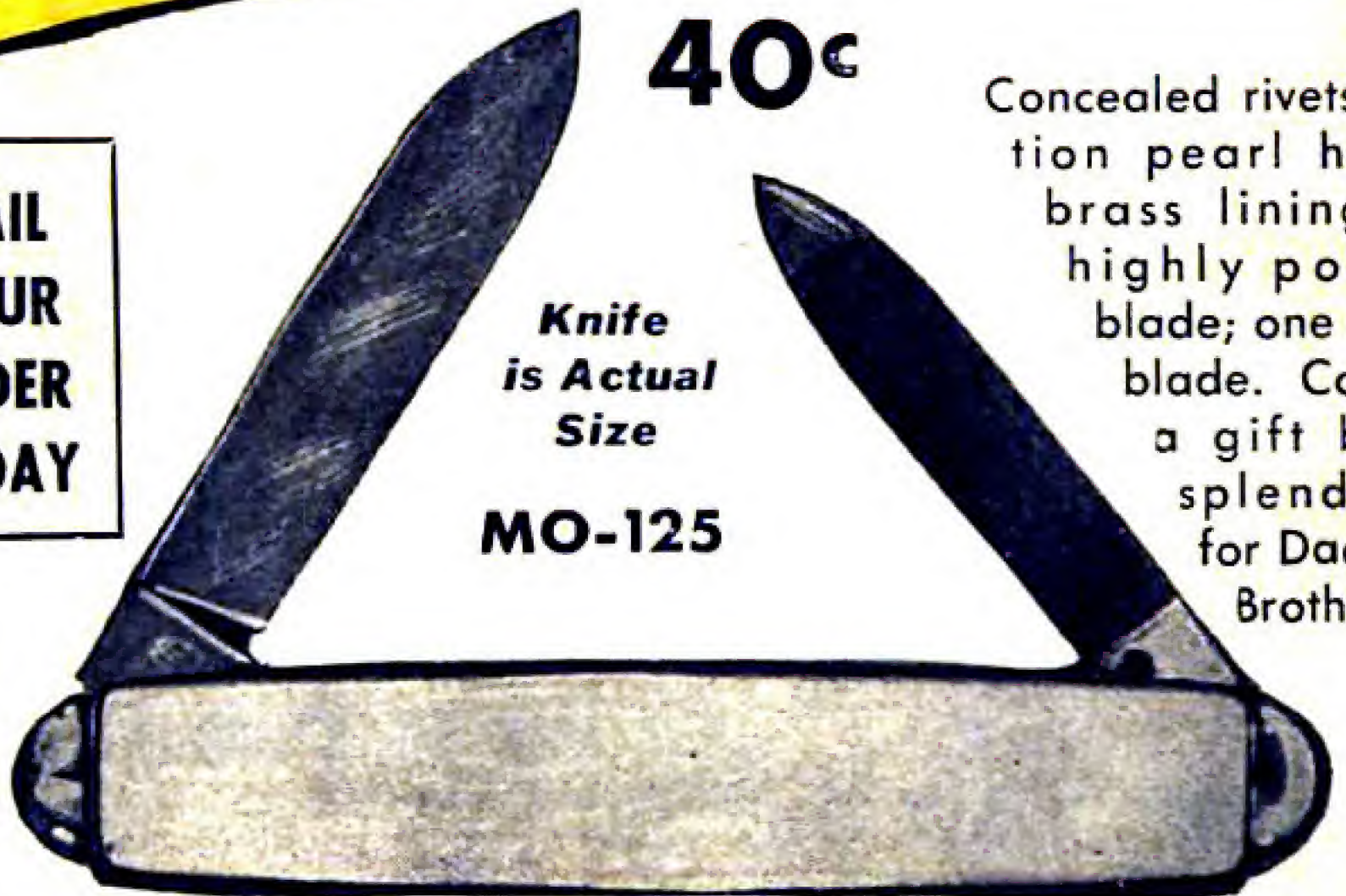
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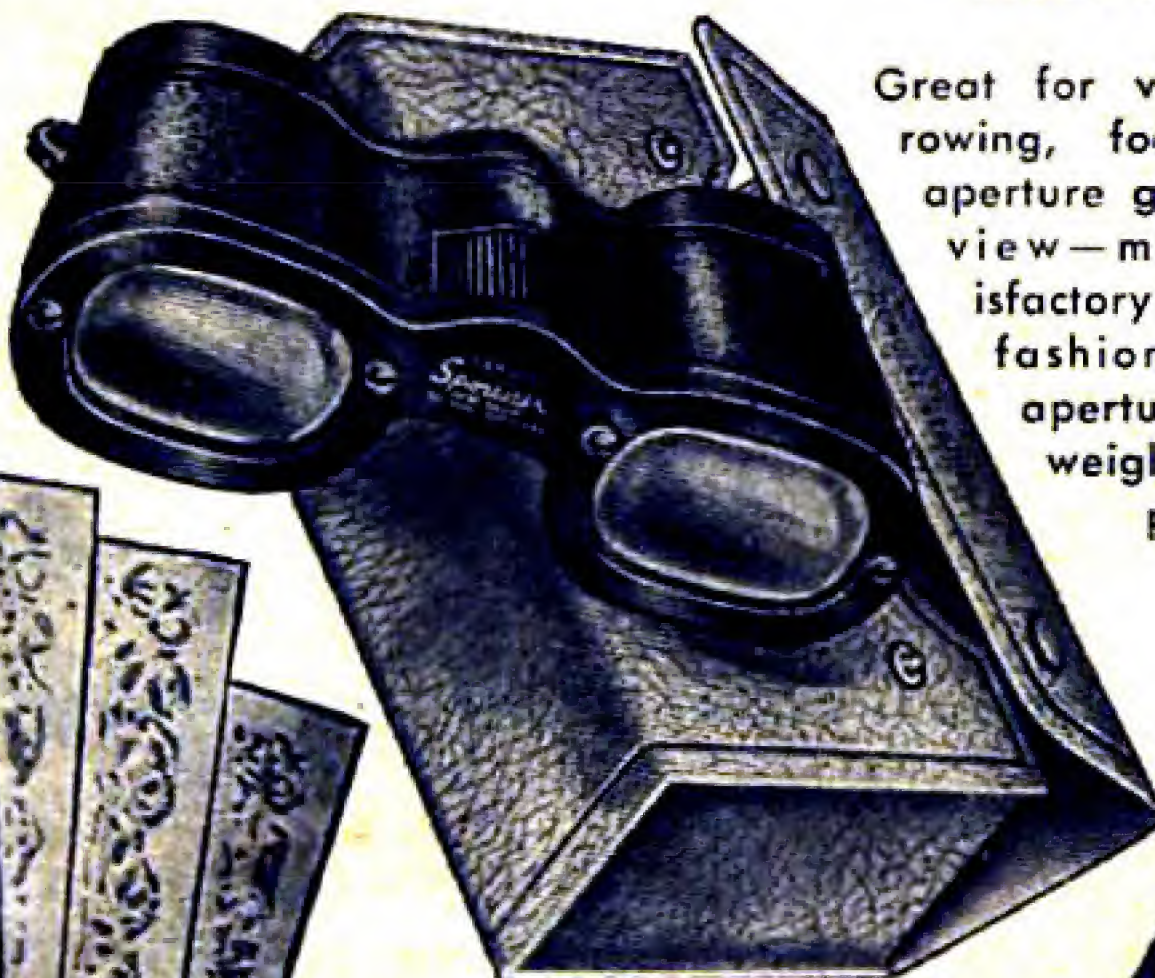
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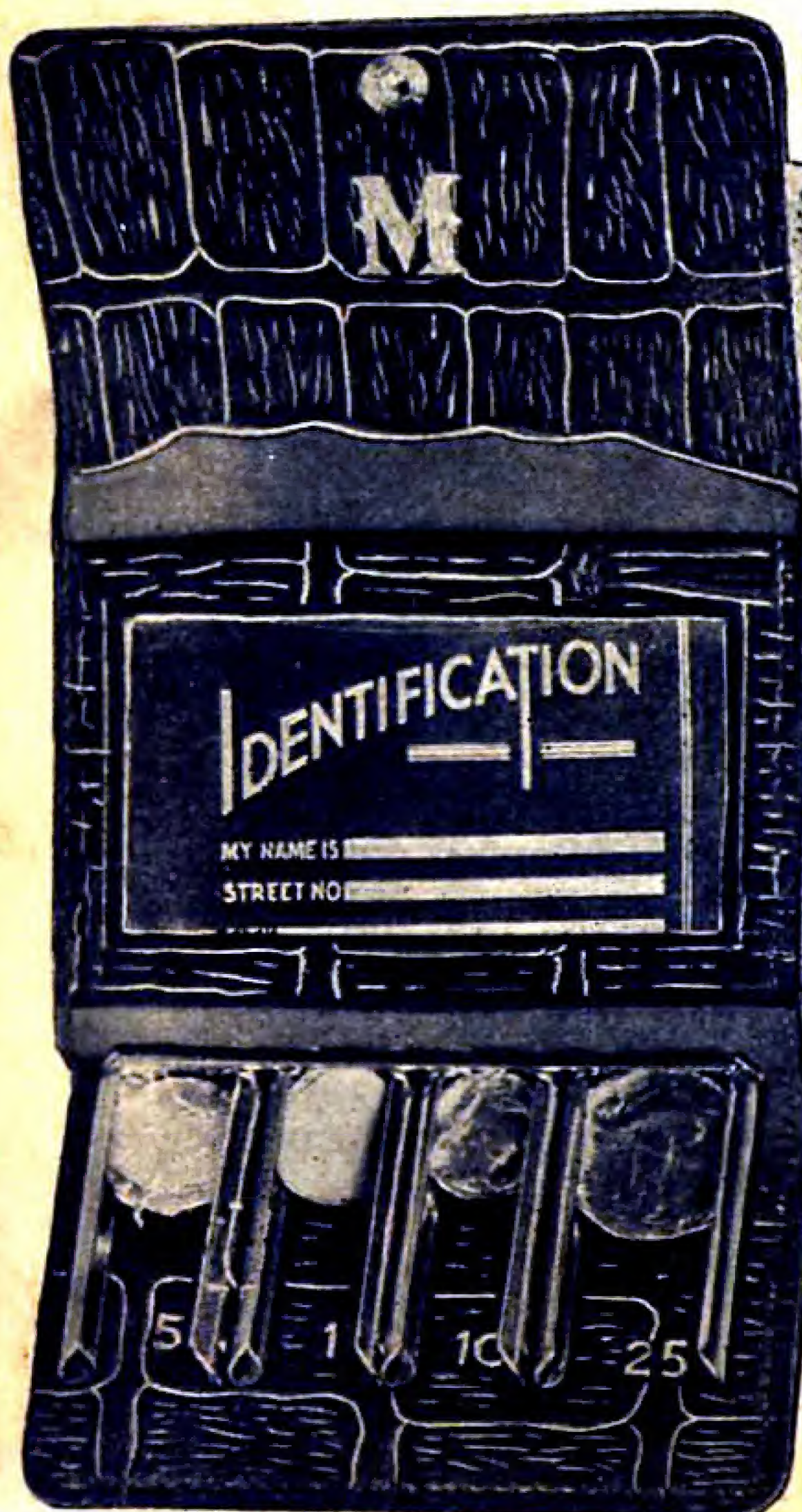
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